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Region	State	Address	Telephone
1	California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Wash- ington, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam.	Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Eastside Fed- eral Complex, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232–4181.	503–231–6128, Fax: 503–231–6996
2	Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.	Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, 625 Silver, SW, Suite 325, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	505–248–7450, Fax: 505–248–7471
3	Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wis- consin.	Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Build- ing, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111–4056.	612–713–5130, Fax: 612–713–5290
4	Alabama, Arkansas, Flor- ida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.	Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 324, Atlanta, Georgia 30345.	404–679–4159, Fax: 404–679–4160
5	Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Mas- sachusetts, New Hamp- shire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Vir- ginia.	Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035–9589.	413–253–8200, Fax: 413–253–8487
6	Colorado, Kansas, Mon- tana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.	Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 25486, Lake Plaza North Build- ing, 134 Union Boule- vard, 4th Floor, Denver, Colorado 80225.	303–236–7392, Fax: 303–236–8192
7	Alaska	Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.	907–786–3435, Fax: 907–786–3575

$\$\,86.52$ What information must I include in my grant proposals?

You must submit the following standard forms and narrative for all projects (Tier One and Tier Two) (see §86.53):

(a) Standard Form 424 series as prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget. The SF 424 series consists of the Applications for Federal Assistance (SF 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (SF 424A), Assurances—Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B), Budget Information—Construction Programs (SF 424C), and Assurances—Construction Programs (SF 424D). Submit forms appropriate

for either construction or nonconstruction projects. Forms are available from your appropriate Service Regional Office.

(b) Information requested under OMB Circular A-102 (Application Booklet for Federal Aid Grants—pending approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act).

§86.53 What are funding tiers?

- (a) This grant program will consist of two tiers of funding.
- (i) You may apply for one or both tiers.
- (ii) The two tiers will allow all States some certainty of base level funding.

- (b) Tier One funding will ensure broad geographical distribution to meet the needs of transient nontrailerable recreational vessels.
- (c) Tier Two funding will allow States with large projects to compete with other States with large projects based on individual project merits.
- (d) We describe the two tiers as follows:
- (1) Tier One Projects. (i) You may submit a proposal with an unlimited number of projects within this tier. However, your total request cannot exceed \$100,000 of Federal funds for any given fiscal year.
- (ii) Tier One projects must meet the eligibility requirements in §§86.14 and 86.20.
- (2) Tier Two Projects. (i) While we expect available funds for Tier Two proposals to be between \$3 million and \$4 million per grant cycle, we have no dollar limit for Tier Two proposals. You may submit any number of projects, which we will score and rank separately according to the criteria in \$86.60.
- (ii) Each project will compete nationally against every other project in Tier Two.
- (iii) Tier Two projects must also meet the eligibility requirements in §§ 86.14 and 86.20.

§86.54 How must I submit proposals?

- (a) You may apply for either Tier One funding or Tier Two funding or both.
- (b) You may submit more than one project proposal within Tier One and Tier Two.
- (c) You may submit one proposal that includes Tier One and Tier Two projects.
- (d) If your proposal includes Tier One and Tier Two projects, you must describe Tier One projects separately from Tier Two projects.
- (e) You must describe each project in Tier Two separately, so that the Service can rank and score each project in Tier Two separately.
- (f) For the first grant cycle, which includes fiscal years 2000 and 2001, a State may submit one Tier One proposal not to exceed \$100,000 per fiscal year. States should submit proposals between February 20, 2001, and May 18,

- 2001. We will fund one Tier One proposal per State for each fiscal year provided that each proposal meets the eligibility requirements in §§ 86.14 and 86.20. Fiscal year 2000 funds are available only for Tier One proposals. Tier One proposals need not meet the criteria in §86.60. We will fund Tier Two proposals received between February 20, 2001, and May 18, 2001, that meet the criteria in §86.14, 86.20, and 86.60 with fiscal year 2001 funds and the remainder of fiscal year 2000 funds.
- (g) For the remaining grant cycles, you may submit only one proposal of Tier One projects per fiscal year.
- (h) When we approve projects, the appropriate Service Regional Office will determine how many grant agreements are necessary.

§ 86.55 What are my compliance requirements with Federal laws, regulations, and policies?

- (a) To receive Federal funds, you must agree to and certify compliance with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies. You must submit an Assurance Statement, as described in 43 CFR part 12.51(c), that describes how you comply with Federal grant requirements; and
- (b) You may have to provide additional documentation to comply with environmental and other laws, as defined in Fish and Wildlife Service Manual 523 FW 1 (available on the internet at http://www.fws.gov/directives/523fw1.html). The Service Regional Office Grant Administrator may request preliminary evidence at the grant proposal stage that the proposed project will meet these compliance requirements. Consult with the appropriate Service Regional Office for specific applicability.

Subpart F—How the Service Selects Projects To Receive Grants

§86.60 What are the criteria used to select projects for grants?

- (a) We will rank all Tier Two proposals according to the criteria in paragraph (b) of this section and the attached chart, which sets forth points we will ascribe for various factors.
 - (b) We will consider proposals that: